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THIRD POSITIVE BIRD CONFIRMED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS THIS YEAR **First WNV Positive for the Victorville Area**

A dead scrub jay collected from the Victorville, Spring Valley Lake area by the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Animal Care and Control Program on July 11, 2006 has tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). The scrub jay was reported from the 13800 block of Spring Valley Parkway. This is the third bird in San Bernardino County this year that tested positive for WNV, and the first time that WNV has been detected in the Victorville area. The Center for Vector-Borne Diseases at University of California at Davis performed the test to identify the presence of WNV in the dead bird. No human cases of WNV have been reported this season in San Bernardino County.

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San Bernardino County Vector Control Program (VCP) is trapping for adult mosquitoes for virus testing purposes in the area where the bird was found and Vector Control staff will continue to canvass the area, look for, and identify and treat mosquito-breeding sources. The San Bernardino County Vector Control Program also will continue surveillance and treatment throughout the County for WNV.

It is important that County residents understand how to protect themselves from mosquitoes and West Nile Virus so they can enjoy outdoor activities. County residents can **Fight the Bite by following the**

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- Drain or Dump...**Remove all standing water around your property where mosquitoes lay eggs such as birdbaths, green swimming pools, ponds, old tires, buckets, clogged gutters, or even puddles from leaky sprinklers.

- Dawn and Dusk...**Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active.

- Dress...**Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeved shirts that are loose fitting and light colored.

- DEET...**Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to manufacturer's directions.

- Doors...**Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering home.

If you have questions or concerns or if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or you have standing water or green pools in your area, call San Bernardino County Vector Control Program at 800-44-ABATE (800-442-2283) or 909-388-4600. If you are in the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Montclair or Rancho Cucamonga call (909) 635-0307 for West Valley Vector Control District.

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You may also visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/vectorcontrol or the California Health Services West Nile website at www.westnile.ca.gov for more information on Vector Control or West Nile Virus. To report dead birds call the California Department of Health Services at 1-877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473) or report on line at www.westnile.ca.gov.